

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-50 were pending in this application. Claim 7 has been canceled. No claims have been added. Hence, claims 1-6 and 8-50 remain pending in this application.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 32-50.

Claims 7-11 and 29-30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

**Arguments in Support of the Claims**

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 7. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection against independent claim 1.

Dependent claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As for dependent claims 2-8 and 10-31, although they may recite independently allowable subject matter, these claims depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1 and 9 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending claims 1-50 are in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issuance.

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